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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the specification and claims, as amended by way of Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report for PCT/EP03/09085 prior to the examination of the application during the U.S. National Phase.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. (A Substitute Specification with marked up version submitted concurrently herewith).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 7 of this paper and attached as a separate unnumbered page to the end of the paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.